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SUBJECT: DANISH RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

1. ON MARCH 20 DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED ON ASST. SEC. GREEN TO INFORM HIM THAT FOLLOWING LATE- MARCH MEETING OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA WAS EXPECTED. HE THOUGHT SWEDEN WOULD DO SO PROMPTLY, AND THAT DENMARK ( AND PROBABLY NORWAY) WOULD DO SO IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS. DENMARK HAS CHOSEN TO BASE GENERAL RECOGNITION POLICY ON PRINCIPLE OF DEMONSTRATED CONTROL OF NATIONAL TERRITORY AND HAS THEREFORE RECOGNIZED EAST GERMANY AND NORTH VIET- NAM. HOWEVER, BARTELS WAS  
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INSTRUCTED TO LET US KNOW THAT DANES (1) INTEND TO RAISE ATHENS FROM CHARGE TO AMBASSADOR SHORTLY, (2) WILL RAISE SAIGON FROM MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR IN DUE TIME, AND (3) WILL NOT RECOGNIZE VIETCONG. GIVEN THIS PRINCIPLE DENMARK CANNOT DELAY NORTH KOREAN RECOGNITION UNTIL THE UN MEETING.

2. GREEN REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD UNIVERSALITY PRINCIPLE THE AMBASSADOR HAD EXPLAINED. HOWEVER, PROBLEM OF TIMING IS MOST IMPORTANT. ALSO OF IMPORTANCE IS PRINCIPLE OF EVENHANDEDNESS.

3. IF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND OTHERS RECOGNIZE NORTH BUT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES DO NOT RECOGNIZE SOUTH, SERIOUS DISPROPORTION IN RECOGNITION WILL EVENTUALLY OCCUR. WE DO NOT SEE SWEDEN ( FOR EXAMPLE) ENCOURAGING CZECHS AND POLES TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE SOUTH. USG IS CONCERNED OVER CURRENT SIGNS OF LACK OF SERIOUSNESS IN PYONGYANG' S CONDUCT OF NORTH/ SOUTH TALKS AND OVER RECENT SHOOTING OF SOUTH KOREAN SOLDIERS AT DMZ ( FIRST INCIDENT IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS). THESE DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY ANALYZED AND WEIGHED BEFORE ANY STEPS ARE TAKEN ON RECOGNITION.

4. FURTHER, A TILT IN RECOGNITION NOW COULD DISCOURAGE SEOUL IN POLICY REPRESENTED BY NORTH- SOUTH TALKS WHICH THEY HAVE CONDUCTED IN GOOD FAITH. EVEN STRONG-MAN GOVERNMENTS MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE SUCCESS OF POLICY. IF THEY CANNOT, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE DISCOURAGED IN THE PURSUIT OF THOSE MOVES WHICH APPEAR TO OFFER REAL HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS IN THE AREA. WE HOPE, THEREFORE, DENMARK WILL SERIOUSLY PONDER THE EFFECTS OF ONE- SIDED RECOGNITIONS AT THIS TIME

5. AMBASSADOR BARTELS FELT THESE FACTORS SHOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY HIS GOVERNMENT AND HE OFFERED TO BRING THEM PROMPTLY TO ITS ATTENTION. ROGERS

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